

Trails subcommittee

January 26, 2012

City Hall Room 223

In attendance: Jeff Hermann, Esther Nasjleti, Toby Sorensen, Douglas Stewart; Maurice Rioux, Leslie Herman; David Meyer (guest)

Absent: Brian Knapp, Steve Kattula

Meeting began at 6:07.

David Meyer joined us on behalf of the Boy Scouts to discuss Trails Day.

Ratification of minutes—one change (changed photographer to photography teacher). Approved by acclamation with this change.

Trails Day planning updates

Esther presented outline of event to PRAB and PRAB approved.

Bike ride will be held at 10:00, not 8:00 as noted in outline.

Stream clean-up: Do this project again, but not as a PRAB project? Toby passed out list of school contacts. Have Daniel's Run students do a project like this?

David Meyer is Asst. Scoutmaster for a Troop. They are meeting the Monday after next. David is Merit Badge Counselor. Should think about projects that would be fit with Community Citizenship/Merit Badge. Have scouts fan out to different locales (like Accotink, Daniels Run)? Each clean-up to take an hour – 9 – 10 a.m. Would be good to incorporate a scout recognition feature—e.g. expressing appreciation in a short one-two minute program. Good visual. Way to provide publicity for trails program.

Lands and Waters – forlandsandwaters.org. Toby reached out to Kris Unger and Jeanette Stewart of this organization about a naturalist interpretive tour. They are on board. Focus on natural systems for absorbing water – like the rain garden near Daniels Run? Make it no longer than 30 minutes. Toby will follow up with Kris and Jeanette.

Photo contest – Leslie will talk to Jo Ormesher about.

How should photos be submitted?

Who will be the judges? David mentioned Sara Coffin, who was just appointed to Fairfax Commission on the Arts. Maybe she would be a judge? Leslie indicated that it could be a three-person jury. They could meet one night and review digital photos. Photos need to be of city parks and trails. Have age-based categories – one for under 12, one 13-18, one 18+.

Scavenger hunt – Current idea is to have a map, photos of 4-5 distinctive locations and ask people to mark each location on a map.

Build your own compass activity – for the central pavilion.

Trails Improvement Exhibit – Jeff has been working on. Got some “before” pictures from Mike. Going to get “after” pictures. A few different sites – Ranger Road, Cobbdale. Will post one or more site and exhibit on a board.

Publicity – Leisure Times going to press in about two weeks! Need to get content by Feb. 8. Maybe highlight the photography contest. Link to Trails Day website – do we still have one?

Next steps:

- Esther will check with Joe Harmon re: Trails Day website. Esther will write up content and send to Leslie.
- Leslie will discuss photo contest with Jo Ormesher.

Marking up trails map – working session

Maurice showed the current full-length trails map. We agreed to mark up the entire map for what trails are “standard” and “sub-standard,” based on the standards Kelly circulated at an earlier meeting.

Next steps:

- Douglas will mark up entire map for what is standard and what is substandard, and bring to next meeting
- Subcommittee will review Kelly’s trail criteria and discuss adopting our own criteria – probably won’t be exactly the same.
- Douglas bring map to Maurice at rm. 112 before next meeting.